

than the maximum penal sum has been allocated among two or more plants, as provided in §§19.243 and 19.244, the proprietor shall maintain an account at each plant of that part of the penal sum allocated to that plant.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1356, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5201))

§ 19.517 Gauge for tax determination.

(a) *Packages.* When spirits in packages are to be withdrawn from bonded premises on determination of tax on the basis of an individual package gauge, each package shall be gauged unless the tax is to be determined on the production or filling gauge. When packages are gauged, the proprietor shall prepare a package gauge record, according to §19.769, and attach it to the record of tax determination prescribed in §19.761.

(b) *Tanks.* Spirits in tanks which are to be withdrawn on determination of tax shall be gauged (by weighing and proofing) as prescribed in §19.93, and the elements of the gauge shall be recorded on the record of tax determination or on a separate record of the gauge for attachment to the record of tax determination.

(c) *Cases.* Cases of distilled spirits to be withdrawn from bonded premises shall be tax determined on the basis of the contents thereof. The proof gallonage contained in cases shall be determined in accordance with 27 CFR part 30 and the method prescribed in §19.722.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1358 (26 U.S.C. 5204); sec. 807, Pub. L. 96-39, 93 Stat. 285 (26 U.S.C. 5213))

§ 19.518 Imported spirits.

When spirits which have been imported for nonbeverage purposes and transferred to bonded premises pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 5232 are withdrawn for beverage purposes, there shall be paid, in addition to the internal revenue tax imposed by 26 U.S.C. 5001, a tax equal to the duty which would have been paid had the spirits been imported for beverage purposes, less the duty already paid thereon. The additional tax shall be referred to as "additional tax—less duty", and shall be paid at the time and in the manner that the basic tax is

paid. The total quantity in proof gallons withdrawn shall be the basis of computing the tax at the rates indicated. The amount of the "additional tax—less duty" shall be stated separately and identified as such on the tax return.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1314, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5001))

§ 19.519 Methods of tax payment.

The tax on spirits shall be paid pursuant to a return on Form 5000.24, filed as provided in §19.523 or §19.524 and §19.525. Except for remittance to be effected by electronic fund transfer under §19.524, remittance for the tax in full shall accompany the return and may be in any form which the appropriate TTB officer is authorized to accept under the provisions of §70.61 (Payment by check or money order) and which is acceptable to him. However, where a check or money order tendered in payment for taxes is not paid on presentment, or where the taxpayer is otherwise in default in payment, any remittance made during the period of such default, and until the appropriate TTB officer finds that the revenue will not be jeopardized by the acceptance of a personal check (if acceptable to the appropriate TTB officer), shall be in cash or in the form of a certified, cashier's, or treasurer's check drawn on any bank or trust company incorporated under the laws of the United States, or under the laws of any State, Territory, or possession of the United States, or a money order, as provided in §70.61. Checks and money orders shall be made payable to "Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau".

(Act of August 16, 1954, Ch. 736, 68A Stat. 777, as amended (26 U.S.C. 6311); sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1335, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5061))

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§ 19.520 Employer identification number.

The employer identification number (defined at 26 CFR 301.7701-12) of the taxpayer who has been assigned such a number shall be shown on each return

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on Form 5000.24 filed pursuant to the provisions of this part. Failure of the taxpayer to include his employer identification number on Form 5000.24 may result in assertion and collection of the penalty specified in § 70.113 of this chapter.

(Sec. 1, Pub. L. 87-397, 75 Stat. 828, as amended (26 U.S.C. 6109, 6676))

[T.D. ATF-198, 50 FR 8464, Mar. 1, 1985, as amended by T.D. ATF-219, 50 FR 51387, Dec. 17, 1985; T.D. ATF-301, 55 FR 47605, Nov. 14, 1990]

§ 19.521 Application for employer identification number.

(a) An employer identification number will be assigned pursuant to application on Form SS-4 filed by the taxpayer. Form SS-4 may be obtained from the director of the service center or from the district director.

(b) An application on Form SS-4 for an employer identification number shall be made by every taxpayer who files a return on Form 5000.24, but who prior to the filing of his first return on Form 5000.24 has neither secured an employer identification number nor made application therefor. Such application on Form SS-4 shall be filed on or before the seventh day after the date on which such first return on Form 5000.24 is filed.

(c) Each taxpayer shall make application for and shall be assigned only one employer identification number, regardless of the number of places of business for which the taxpayer is required to file a tax return under the provisions of this part.

(Sec. 1, Pub. L. 87-397, 75 Stat. 828, as amended (26 U.S.C. 6109))

[T.D. ATF-198, 50 FR 8464, Mar. 1, 1985, as amended by T.D. ATF-219, 50 FR 51387, Dec. 17, 1985]

§ 19.522 Taxes to be collected by returns.

(a)(1) *Deferred payment of taxes.* The tax on spirits to be withdrawn from bond for deferred payment of tax shall be paid pursuant to a return on Form 5000.24, Excise Tax Return. The return, Form 5000.24, shall be executed and filed for each return period notwithstanding that no tax is due for payment for such period. The proprietor of

each bonded premises shall include, for payment, on his return on Form 5000.24, the full amount of distilled spirits tax determined in respect of all spirits released for withdrawal from the bonded premises on determination of tax during the period covered by the return (except spirits on which tax has been prepaid).

(2) *Return periods*—(i) *Definitions.* For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings indicated:

Reasonably expects. When used with reference to a taxpayer, *reasonably expects* means the taxpayer was not liable for more than \$50,000 in taxes the previous year and there is no other existing or anticipated circumstance known to the taxpayer (such as an increase in production capacity) that would cause the taxpayer's liability to increase beyond that limit.

Taxpayer. A *taxpayer* is a person who is liable for excise tax imposed with respect to distilled spirits by 26 U.S.C. 5001 and 7652 under the same Employer Identification Number as defined in 26 CFR 301.7701-12.

(ii) *Semimonthly return period.* Except in the case of a taxpayer who qualifies for, and chooses to use, quarterly return periods as provided in paragraph (b)(3) of this section, all taxpayers must use semimonthly return periods for deferred payment of tax. The semimonthly return periods shall run from the 1st day through the 15th day of each month, and from the 16th day through the last day of each month, except as otherwise provided in § 19.523(c).

(iii) *Quarterly return period.* Effective January 1, 2006, a taxpayer who reasonably expects to be liable for not more than \$50,000 in taxes with respect to distilled spirits imposed by 26 U.S.C. 5001 and 7652 for the current calendar year, and who was liable for not more than \$50,000 in such taxes in the preceding calendar year, may choose to use a quarterly return period. In such a case the last day for payment of tax and filing of the return will be the 14th day after the last day of the calendar quarter. However, the taxpayer may not use the quarterly return period procedure for any portion of the calendar year following the first date on which the aggregate amount of tax due from the taxpayer during the calendar